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REQUEST TO PLACE DOCUMENTS IN FILE

Sir:

Applicants' request that the accompanying papers (a copy of a Communication from the European Patent Office dated February 1, 2006 along with the cited reference EP 0925 887 A1) be placed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office file of the above-identified application for the convenience of the public upon issuance of a patent for this application.

This Request is not a request for consideration of the enclosed papers by the Examiner and, therefore, no form PTO-1449 is submitted herewith, nor is any fee, certification, or petition believed to be required.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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